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In the Official Action dated July 16, 2003 on the application from which the present RCE is derived, the Examiner has raised a rejection based on double patenting in view of US 6,083,496.

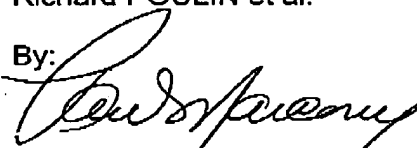
The newly submitted claims which are based on compounds of interest to the Applicant, are not comprehended in the claims of US 6,083,496 and therefore an objection based on double patenting should not be raised. It will indeed be realized that in the case of the cited patent, the linker is always connected to a carbon atom of each polyamine unit while in the newly submitted claims, the linker is always attached to the intermediate amino group of each polyamine unit, i.e. a nitrogen atom.

It is believed that the newly submitted claims are free of the art of record, and early allowance of the Application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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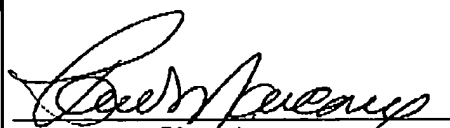
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